

Marvel not that I said unto you ye must be born again. John iii: 7. The soul that truly repents, and has faith in Jesus, believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, is a fit subject for baptism which must be a burial. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death. Rom. vi: 4. According to Matt. xxviii: 19.

A soul that has gone this far is now ready to receive the Father's Seal ("The Holy Spirit) being confirmed by the laying on of hands of the Presbyter. The sinner is now changed into a saint a child of God in a justified state, a babe in Christ: delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son. Col. 1: 12, 13. Ready to observe all things Jesus has commanded us. We are not to lay again the foundation of repentance from dead works by again committing sin but to go on to perfection. Heb. vi: i. To grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth. We must present our bodies a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto God which is our reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and perfect, will of God. Rom. 12: 1, 2. Yield ourselves to God as those that are alive from the dead: the members of our bodies as servants to righteousness unto holiness. Rom. vi: 19. Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. Heb. xii: 14.

It is impossible for us to reach the state of perfected holiness without entire consecration, and perfect obedience. Now therefore if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people. Ye shall be unto me an holy nation. Exo. xix: 4-6. The temple of God is holy which temple ye are. Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you; which ye have of God. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's. I Cor. vi: 19, 20. If we will only believe fully in Jesus, and his word abide in us we can ask what we will, and it shall be done unto us. John xv: 7. I praise God for this blessed Gospel. Indeed his word is a

lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our pathway. Psalm, cxix: 105. In this blessed Gospel are many wonderful promises for the child of God. My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. iv: 19. God promises full salvation entire sanctification, and healing from all our diseases. Bless the Lord O my soul. Psalms, ciii: 3. These blessing we by faith receive by simple child like trust.

In Christ it is God's delight to give. he promised and he must. See in II Peter: the seven Christian graces, that we are to add to our faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather Brethren, give diligence to make your calling, and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall. "O for a closer walk with God." This wonderful Gospel the power of God unto salvation to every one that BELIEVETH.

"BELIEVETH" just this is the secret of the whole plan of salvation. "LORD INCREASE OUR FAITH."

Sidney, Ind.

HALF-STARVED SAINTS.

Mr. Spurgeon, when asked for advice about a quarreling church said, "perhaps they are hungry." Many churches have this ailment. The Philadelphia *Christian Standard* says:

"A team was at the foot of the steep Market Street hill in this city. The owner was whipping up a poor, lean, weak horse. Some one suggested that if he would take that horse out of his team and feed him well and fatten him up, there would be no trouble about his willingness and ability to pull even heavy loads up hill.

"A preacher who had been whipping his people up, only to find them too weak and balky and ill-fed to pull, took the hint from this scene to quit whipping his people and to feed them well. He found they pulled a great deal better.

"Indeed, preachers and people would not need so much to be whipped up by the Lord if they would only partake freely of the divine provision. There are too many preachers and people who are religiously,—perhaps we ought to say irreligious,—half-starved.

"Let us all put together two words in this order,

PROVENDER—PULL.

"If we do not put these two words together, and in this order, we will find ourselves compelled to put two other words together, and in this order,

STARVED—STALLED."

The Word of God is the remedy for half-starved saints. Men and women are dying for lack of the living Word. For man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

KING'S CHILDREN DEPARTMENT.

RUTH.

Read at King's Children entertainment.

ISCIE M. WORST.

As I pondered over the book of Ruth three successive distinct visions seemed to pass before my eyes. The first represented a sorrowful though noble scene. A maiden with dark brown eyes and raven hair, so young and beautiful and just entering upon the most interesting part of life, was parting forever with all that she held most dear—her native country, the scene of all her childish joys and sorrows, her father and mother, and all her people—to follow her mother-in-law a kind and loving friend, though poor and lonely into a strange and unknown country.

O! how the unselfishness of her character was revealed in the memorable words.

"Whither thou goest, I will go: and whither thou lodgest I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. After this vision had faded away another appeared, in which was a large field, yellow with golden grain. This field was owned by her kinsman Boaz, and in it were many reapers busy with the bountiful harvest. At the end of this train of laborers, I beheld Ruth, exposed to the unshielded rays of a harvest sun, patiently picking up the fragments of scattered grain, dropped from the hands of the reapers. And